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OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

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I would like to announce a reorganization of the Office of Research and Development. The purpose of this change is to (1) consolidate our physical sciences R&D into a single Division with increased depth of personnel, (2) provide greater management attention to the major programs which ORD supports, and (3) respond to broadened responsibilities which ORD has been asked to assume.

It is my intent, through this reorganization, to increase the opportunity for career growth and development of our technical staff. Mobility of staff across divisions will be encouraged to allow personnel to carry forward projects from concept to research and development and, on occasion, through development and engineering.

Figure 1 summarizes this restructuring. Effective May 1, 1978, the former Operations Technology Division and the Technical Collection Research Division will be merged to form the Physical Sciences Research Division, with [redacted] as its Chief. Figure 2 shows the structure and technical personnel of this new Division.

Effective May 1 a Special Programs Staff (SPS) will be formed, responsible to D/ORD. The responsibilities of the SPS will include identification and analysis of program requirements, tasking of appropriate technical resources within ORD, budget control and program review. [redacted] will be Chief of SPS. Initially he will have two senior program managers on his staff:

Reconnaissance  
Advanced Recorders



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Other programs may be added in the future as they reach a size or scope requiring high-level management.



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Recently, ORD has been given the responsibility to do a growing number of requirements analysis and conceptual studies prior to initiation of either research and development within ORD or of development and engineering by other components of the Agency. To manage these efforts in a more effective manner, the Advanced Concepts Division will be formed, effective April 17. The present Problems Analysis Staff will be absorbed into this Division. Our intent is to staff this Division with approximately 12 people, half of whom will be "permanent" and half on a "rotation" basis. We plan that the rotational component will include personnel from both ORD technical Divisions and from other Agency components. [REDACTED] will be Chief of this new Division.

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Finally, the DD/S&T has approved formation of a Development and Engineering Division within ORD. The function of this Division will be to carry forward development, engineering, and procurement of selected systems. In general, these systems will be those in which ORD has done the initial exploratory research and development and/or has some special expertise and where the development and engineering is not appropriate for other components within the Agency. The staffing complement of this Division has not yet been determined. [REDACTED]

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